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Description: ff. i + ii + 243 + i - Giovanni Corradini (d. 1416); Francesco Barbaro (1390-1454); Ermolao Barbaro (1453/54-1493); Camaldulense monastery of San Michele di Murano; Howel Wills (1854-1901) of Balliol College, Inner Temple and Florence (sale, 1894); George Plimpton (1855-1936). - De Ricci, pp. 1756-1757.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 21

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy *Century:* 14th

Part 1: ff. 1-243v

Description: - Parchment - 292 x 200 mm - For the Aristotelian texts, 2 columns of 39 lines ruled vertically in lead, horizontally in ink; for Boethius, 29 lines of verse, occasionally in two narrow columns, ruled in lead, with ruling for text lines in ink.

Country: Italy

Region: Lombardy

Assigned Date: s. XIV²

Dated by scribe: Yes

Document: No

Scribe(s): Iohannes de Francia

Script: Rounded gothic book hand, with Greek quotations in minuscules; 2 other gothic hands for Boethius; glossing hands in humanistic script.

Figurative Decoration: 13- and 11-line historiated initials in beige on white patterned blue grounds, against tessellated green grounds.

Other Decoration: Secondary initials in white-patterned pink on patterned blue grounds with acanthus flourishing and infilling, in dark green, red, blue, orange, yellow and pink; parted red and blue initials, 3- to 4-line, with flourishing.

Notes: Latin and Greek glosses by Francesco Barbaro and Ermolao Barbaro.

Acknowledgments: - We thank Dr. A. C. de la Mare for the attribution of the glossing hands.

Number of Texts: 4

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1350 - 1399

Inscribed Date: 1393, September

Number of Scribes: ;Several.

Text 1: ff. 1-85; ff. 85v-86v blank

Author: Aristotle

Other Associate: Walter Burley, prologue; Robert Grosseteste, translator

Title: Ethica

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Omnis ars et omnis doctrina similiter autem et actus et electio

Explicit: et qualis polittica [sic] optima et qualiter unaqueque ordinata et quibus legibus et consuetudinibus utens. Dicamus igitur incipientes.

Notes: ff. 1-2v, chapter list by incipit and dedication letter by Walter Burley to Richard, bishop of Durham; Latin translation of the Ethics by Robert Grosseteste; author of gloss remains unidentified.



Binding This binding removed in July 2000 and replaced with temporary cartonnage handmade paper; the 18th century binding retained with the manuscript.

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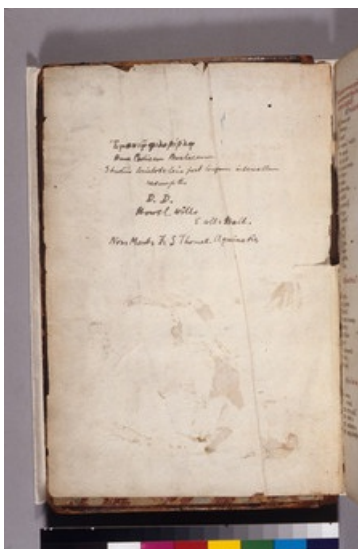
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Front pastedown Blue sticker of Howel Wills.

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f. i Gift note in the hand of Howel Wills.

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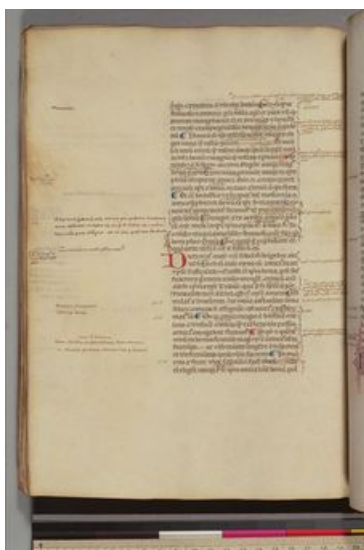
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f. 3 Historiated initial, Aristotle.

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f. 73v Marginal note, center outer margin, by Francesco Barbaro (1390-1454).

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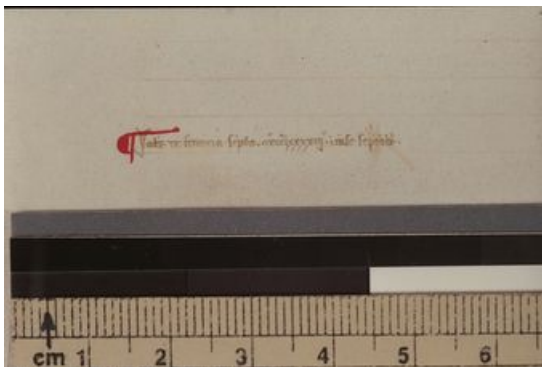
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f. 76 Painted initial; flourished initial.

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f. 85 Detail, scribal colophon.

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Text 2: ff. 87-176v

Author: Aristotle

Other Associate: William of Moerbeke, translator

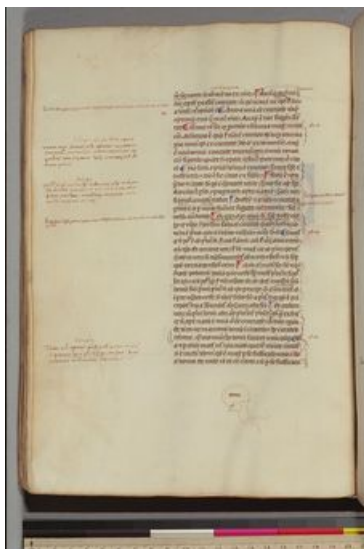
Title: Politics

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Quoniam omnem civitatem videmus communitatem quandam existentem

Explicit: quia tres has faciendum ad disciplinam, quod medium et quod possibile et quod decens.

Notes: Gloss, mainly in excerpt form with full text of gloss only for Books VI-VII, attributed to Thomas Aquinas for Books I-III, lect. 1-6, and to Peter of Auvergne for the remainder.



f. 96v Decorated catchword.

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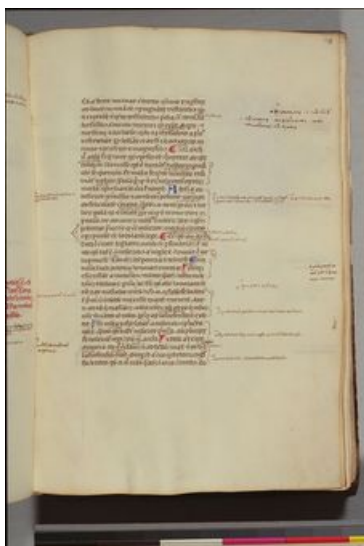
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f. 97 Marginal notes by Ermolao Barbaro (1453/54-1493).

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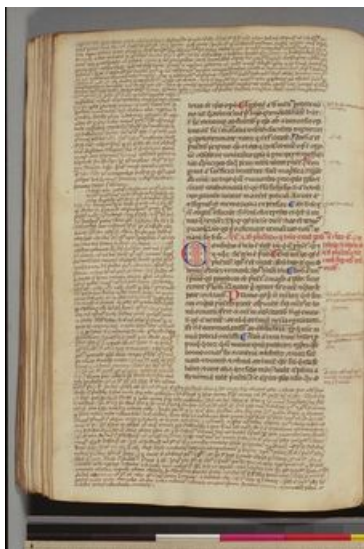
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f. 105 Notes adjacent to text by early reader; notes in upper margin by Ermolao Barbaro; notes in center outer margin by Francesco Barbaro; single prick mark at approx. 6th line of text in outer margin.

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f. 155v f. 155v, flourished initial; glossed text.

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f. 170v Flourished initial; glossed text.

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f. 176v Scribal colophon; notes by Ermolao Barbaro.

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Text 3: ff. 177-181; ff. 181v-183v blank

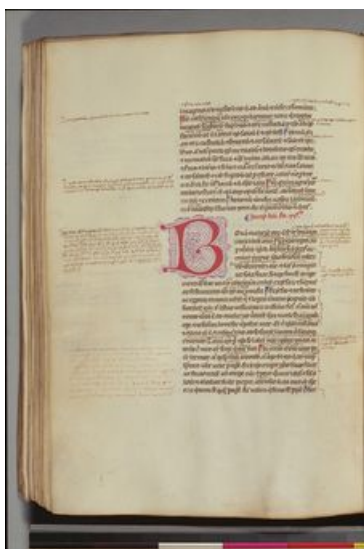
Author: Aristotle

Title: Economics

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Iconomica et politica dicuntur non solum tantum quantum domus et civitas

Explicit: et multum ad suam uxorem et filios et parentes.



f. 178v Flourished initial.

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Text 4: ff. 184-242v

Author: Boethius

Other Associate: Nicholas Trevet, prologue

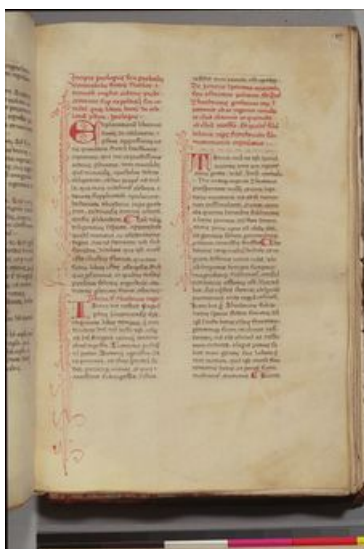
Title: De consolatione philosophiae

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Carmina qui condam studio florente peregi

Explicit: si dissimulare non vultis, necessitas indicta probitatis cum ante oculos agitis iudicis cuncta cernentis.

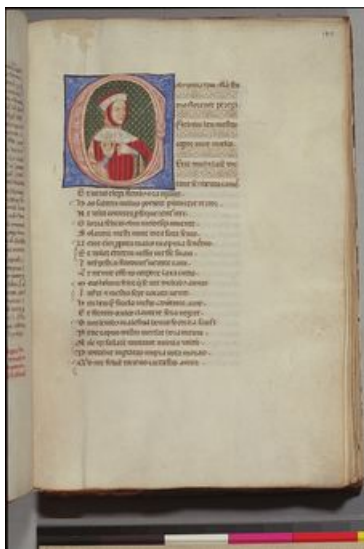
Notes: ff. 184-186v, chapter lists; ff. 187-189v, prologue by Nicholas Trevet.



f. 187 Second scribe; flourished initials.

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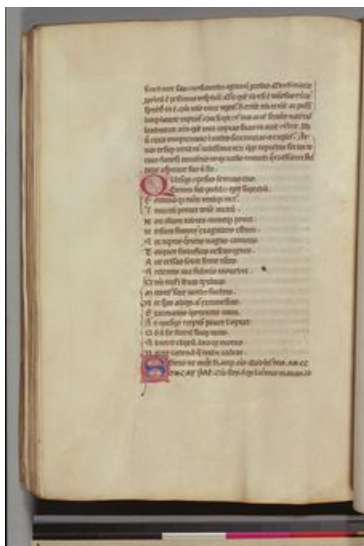
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f. 190 Historiated initial, Boethius.

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f. 192v Greek in last lines; flourished initials.

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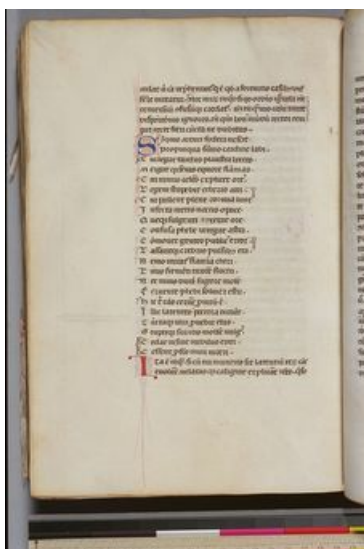
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f. 221v Painted initial; decorative bands.

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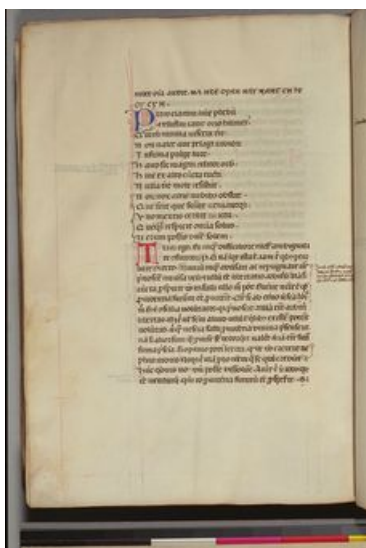
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f. 235v Greek in top line; flourished initials.

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